regional offices of "CAPART" in the country;

(b) if so, whether any of the regional office would be set up in Bihar and Chandigarh; and

(c) if so, by when these are likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) CAPART has decided to set up more regional committees in the country.

(b) CAPART has a proposal to set up regional commitees in Bihar and Chandigarh.

(c) CAPART is processing the matter further for the creation of posts etc. as per the prescribed procedure for the proposed new regional committees. New regional committee would be set up as soon as the formalities are completed.

*[English]*

**Central Assistance Power IAY in Karnataka**

1965. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) total number of rural households in Karnataka as per the survey conducted who have no house or site;

(b) the number of persons who have sites but need assistance to build houses;

(c) the amount of central assistance given during 1996-97 under Indira Awas Yojana to Karnataka, so far;

(d) whether the Karnataka Government had sought increase in the central assistance under the above scheme; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government on the proposal Indira Awas Yojana ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) As per Census Report 1991 the housing shortage in Karnataka is 426,915.

(b) The information is beiing collected from the State Government and will be laid on the table of the House on receipt.

(c) Karnataka has been released a total amount of 50.67 crores as Central assistance under Indira Awas Yojana in 1996-97 so far.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The request of Govt. of Karnataka for additional allocation of Central assistance under Indira Awas Yojana was considered. However, it could not be agreed to.

**Drought Prone Areas Programmes**

1966. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the name of the States where Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) have been launched so far;

(b) the details of the areas covered under the DPAP in those States;

(c) the existing funding pattern of DPAP; and

(d) whether the Non-Government-organisation have also been involved in DPAP;

(e) if so, the work done by NGO and Government in different States during Eighth Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) Drought Prone Areas Programme is under implementation in 947 blocks of 155 districts in 13 States. The names of the States and number of districts and blocks covered under the programme in each State is given in enclosed Statement.

(d) and (e) : Area Development under DPAP is being taken up on Watershed basis under new Guidelines for Watershed Development effective from 1995-96. Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) have been selected as Project Implementation Agencies (PIAs) in some State for planning and development of watershed projects started in 1995-96 and to be completed in 1998-99.

**Statement**

| State | Number of Districts | | Number of Blocks | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | DPAP | DDP | DPAP | DDP |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. Andhra Pradesh | 11 | 1 | 94 | 16 |
| 2. Bihar | 16 | – | 121 | – |
| 3. Gujarat | 10 | 6 | 52 | 47 |
| 4. Haryana | – | 6 | – | 44 |
| 5. Himachal Pradesh | 3 | 2 | 9 | 3 |
| 6. Jammu & Kashmir | 2 | 2 | 22 | 10 |
| 7. Karnataka | 11 | 3 | 81 | 22 |
| 8. Madhya Pradesh | 25 | – | 134 | – |
| 9. Maharashtra | 22 | – | 148 | – |
| 10. Orissa | 8 | – | 47 | – |

| 1 | 2 | - | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11. Rajasthan | 10 | 16 | 32 | 85 |
| 12. Tamil Nadu | 15 | - | 80 | - |
| 13. Uttar Pradesh | 18 | - | 91 | - |
| 14. West Bengal | 4 | - | 36 | - |
| Total | 155 | 36 | 947 | 227 |

**World Bank Aid for Drinking Water Scheme in Andhra Pradesh**

1967. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal has been received by the Government from Andhra Pradesh State Government for World Bank funding to the tune of Rs. 2500 crore for providing safe drinking water in areas affected by high flourine content and salinity;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard ?

(c) the districts and blocks which are covered under the scheme and the targeted period; and

(d) the efforts being made for expeditious sanction and funding by World Bank for the above scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) the project report has been received only on 25.2.1997. This has to be examined and posed to the World Bank for consideration. Its approval will depend on the Bank's appraisal of the project.

*[Translation]*

**Relaxation to Kashmiries**

1968. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Public Service Commssion has given relaxation in age upto five years to the candidates hailing from Jammu and Kashmir for appearing in the Civil Services Examination, 97;

(b) if so, the reasons for not giving such opportunity to the candidates from other States;

(c) the reasons for showing step motherly treatment towards the candidates of general category;

(d) whether the Government propose to give this opportunity to the candidates hailing from other States also for appearing in the Civil Services Examination, 1997; and

(e) if so, by when an announcement to this effect is likely to be made ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (e) Since the disturbed situation in Kashmir in the recent past had aversely affected the educational institutions and consequently the aspiring candidates for employment, a relaxation in the upper age limit of 5 years has been allowed to all persons who had ordinarily been domiciled in the State of Jammu & Kashmir during the period from 1.1.80 to 31.12.89 for recruitment to all Central Civil Services and posts made through the Union Public Service Commission or the Staff Selection Commission or otherwise by the Central Government. The situation prevailing in other States do not justify grant of similar age relaxation to the candidates hailing from other States.

*[English]*

**Regularisation of Unauthorised Colonies**

1969. SHRI JAI PRAKASH (Hardoi) : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have recieved any propsal from Delhi Government to regularise the unauthorised colonies iin Delhi; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter;

(c) the details of the owners on whose land unauthorised constructions have come up;

(d) whether the Government of Delhi has also sent a proposal to the Union Government for the land use change of Gram Sabha land on which construction has been carried out before 31st March, 1993 so as to regularise such colonies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In CWP. No.4771/93, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi has restrained the respondents, including Union of India, from taking any decisiion or action to regularise any unauthorised colony in Delhi will further orders. The matter is still sub judice.

(c) the government of NCT of Delhi had appointed a Committee for verification of status of land of un-